

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for aquatic life on Hutton, Hall/Byers, and Cedar Creeks in the Middle Fork Holston River Watershed. There will a public meeting on the development of the aquatic life TMDL for Hutton, Hall/Byers, and Cedar Creeks. The meeting will be held on **January 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Patrick Henry High School Auditorium 31437 Hillman Highway, in Glade Spring, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in Washington County. Hutton Creek flows through Glade Springs, Hall/Byers Creek flows through Emory and Cedar Creek flows through Meadowview. The segments, including all tributaries from headwaters to their confluences with Middle Fork Holston, were identified on Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's General Standard for Aquatic Life.

303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. The purpose of the study is to identify sources and determine reductions of pollutants so that the streams can meet the water quality standard.

The public comment period will end on **January 27, 2003**. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL for aquatic life on the impaired stream is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website, <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, 355 Deadmore Street, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, telephone (276) 676-4807, Fax (276) 676-4899, or e-mail ntnorton@deq.state.va.us.